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### **MLK, Jr. Commission Awards \$7,000 in Grant Funds**

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission announced today that it has completed the review of FY 2014 grant applications and is awarding a total of \$7,000. Four organizations were selected out of nine applications received by the Commission. The selected organizations are: Fayetteville/Cumberland County Ministerial Council, Fayetteville, for \$2,500; Thomas Mentor Leadership Academy, Durham, for \$2,000; NC Museum of History Foundation, Raleigh, for \$1,500; and Young Women of Promise, Kinston, for \$1,000. All of the applicants' proposed projects addressed the "Content of Character" theme of this year's grant program. These grant funds will be used for education outreach activities that target children under the age of 14, to instill Dr. King's "content of character" philosophy that he espoused in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech delivered at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963.

The Commission will recognize the four successful applicants during its next meeting which is planned to coincide with the annual events surrounding Dr. King's birthday celebration. The successful applicants are invited to participate in the Commission's "Let Freedom Ring" Bell Ringing ceremony in Raleigh's Bicentennial Plaza and the State Employees Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Program/John R. Larkins Award Ceremony held at First Baptist Church in Raleigh. Both of these events will be held on the morning of Friday, January 17, 2014.

The MLK, Jr. Commission was established to promote awareness, appreciation and observance of Dr. King's legacy and is contained within the Department of Administration's Human Relations Commission (HRC). HRC's mission is to advocate, enforce and promote equality of opportunity in the areas of housing, fair employment practices, public accommodations, education, justice and governmental services.

For more information on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission or the Human Relations Commission, please contact HRC Executive Director Emily Williams at 919-807-4420.

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